

#### VICTIM IDENTIFICATION CENTER (VIC)

The FEMA-led Department of Homeland Security agency is responsible for processing, identifying, storing and releasing human remains found after the hurricanes. Forensic data such as fingerprints, x-rays, and dental records obtained from VIC are cross-referenced against data collected from calls to the Find Family National Call Center. Following the positive identification of the body, the parish coroner must sign the death certificate whereby the state medical examiner will then authorize the release of the body to the funeral home chosen by the next of kin. The facility began processing human remains in Carville, LA on November 29, 2005. Following the success of identifying most of the found human remains, the Disaster Mortuary Operational Response Team closed down the Victim Identification Center on March 1, 2006.

#### LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HOSPITALS

In addition, the Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals has been authorized to provide medical oversight to both the Find Family National Call Center and the Victim Identification Center.

#### SOURCE

<http://www.dhh.louisiana.gov/offices/faq.asp?ID=192>

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